

WHEREAS, domestic violence is considered 'the quiet crime', we are not a 'quiet' community. We believe people working together we can make great things happen; and

WHEREAS, We believe that we have the power to make a difference in the lives of families at risk of domestic violence and those in domestic violence situations; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than a family dispute or argument. It is a cycle of abuse, control and abhorrent behavior; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is life threatening and damaging not only for the intimate partner but also for their families; and

WHEREAS, the community movement against domestic violence has been in existence for over six years and is strong, growing and in continual stages of learning; and

WHEREAS, the Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition is sponsoring its 8th Annual Conference to educate, teach and guide the community through the realm of domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Louis Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me as presiding Judge in the County of Webb in the Great State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2004 as:

'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'

in Webb County and urge all citizens to actively educate themselves and others through the participation in programs and activities sponsored by the Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition and work towards eliminating personal and institutional violence against women and families.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of **Webb County**, **Texas** to be affixed on this **1st day of October**, **2004**.